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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/PL

SUBJECT : AEDEPOT Agent Availability

1. The total number of AEDEPOT graduates is 71 of which 9 are in an inactive status but who could presumably be relied upon in the event of a national emergency. The active members (62) could be totally relied upon in a national emergency and the greater majority for emergencies of a "local" nature. All of these have had a basic training period of 4 to 6 months. In addition, most have undergone some refresher/advanced summer training.

2. There are 10 individuals scheduled for the August 1961 training group (an additional 15 are anticipated for February 1962). Under a national emergency, the August 1961 training group could probably be augmented by 2-3 more individuals.

3. The AEDEPOT training program is primarily oriented towards the Para Military, but with considerable attention devoted to FI type training. A large portion of the training time is given to Communications Training. Other subjects taught include Principles of Guerilla Warfare, Observation and Reporting, Black Border and Terrain Crossing, Small Arms, Demolitions and Sabotage, etc.

4. All of the AEDEPOT Graduates, in addition to English, speak their native tongue and at least one other, in most cases a Slavic language. The most predominant non-ethnic language spoken is German.

5. A considerable number of AEDEPOT Graduates have been used outside of the fundamental AEDEPOT requirement: these include primarily Para Military and REDSKIN Activities.

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6. The time required in which the AEDEPOT graduates could be assembled at a designated spot would be determined by the exigency of the situation. In an all out national emergency with general mobilization, it is anticipated that, with the proper travel priorities, the time required would be a matter of a few days if not hours. In the event of a "local" situation, they could be assembled within 10-15 days. In the latter case, it would be necessary to obtain a leave of absence from the employer after first checking into individual availability. In the former case, a telephone call to the party concerned and travel instructions would be enough.

7. General motivation is rather difficult to crystallize. It is our opinion that the underlying factor is two-fold: one is a desire to be of service to the United States in its struggle against Communism, the other being a combination of (a) a national liberation notion based on the factors of "patriotism" handed down by the fathers and elders, (b) a spirit of revenge because of reprisals against family members, (c) a certain spirit of adventure, to name but a few.

8. The AEDEPOT graduates have general area knowledge of their own native communities which, on the average, is 17 or more years dated. The bulk of them have area knowledge of Europe, primarily Germany, ranging from 2 to 12 years dated.

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